



# Earth Day 2005

Join the Nashville community for a day of celebration at the 2005 Nashville Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 23. From noon until 7 p.m., Centennial Park on West End Avenue will be filled with music, food, youth activities, exhibits and more as we celebrate the Earth and recognize our responsibility to take care of it.

The festival, themed "Clean and Green All Year Long," will reflect on the ever-growing and diverse environmental interests in Middle Tennessee. The celebration will include presentation booths from community groups, environmental organizations and government agencies; an interactive area for children of all ages presented by the Global Education Center; live music; speakers; performers; educational programs; fun and much more...

Make attending Nashville's annual Earth Day festival a tradition for you, your family and friends. For more information, please call Sherry Sloan at 862-4067 or Laurel Creech at 242-5600, ext. 2410. Information will also be available on the Web at [www.nashville.gov/earthday](http://www.nashville.gov/earthday).

## **Did you earn \$35,458 or less in 2004?**

If so, you may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) when you file your tax return. You could get up to \$4,300 back from the government at tax time! Call 211 for more information.



# Neighborhood Spotlights

It's your turn to shine! This year *ON Nashville* wants to focus on you. Has your neighborhood recently organized? Have you experienced a significant decrease in crime as a result of the Neighborhood Watch Program? Have you thought of new and fun ways to get to know your neighbors? Have you come up with a creative fundraising idea? If so, we want to hear from you. In future issues of the newsletter we will select one neighborhood to spotlight. Tell us what you're doing and take advantage of this opportunity to let other neighborhoods know some of the positive things happening in your community. For information on having your neighborhood featured in the spotlight contact the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods at 862-6000. See you on stage!

# Neighborhood Training Institute Calendar



## **Codes: How To Be a Better Neighbor**

Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. - noon

## **Safety Awareness and Basic Self Defense**

Tuesday, April 26, 6 - 8 p.m.

## **Is 501(c)3 status right for your group?**

Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. - noon

## **\* Generating Resources: Keys to Successful Grant Proposals**

Thursday, May 19, 6 - 8 p.m.

*\*Participants must have attended "Is 501(c)3 status right for your group?" during this or previous semesters of the Neighborhood Training Institute.*

## **Organizing a National Night Out Against Crime Event**

Tuesday, May 24, 6 - 8 p.m.

# New Trash Collection Program In Your Neighborhood

Get ready, Nashville – a new trash collection program is coming to clean up Nashville’s neighborhoods.

Metro Public Works will deliver your new sandstone brown 96-gallon, rolling trash cart within the next few weeks, if you’ve not already received one. Your trash cart is part of an automated program to increase the cleanliness and efficiency of trash collection in your neighborhood.

Carts will be distributed approximately one week before your first collection. All carts will be delivered by summer.

Metro ordinance states that trash containers must be on the street by 7:00AM for collection and off the street by 7:00PM on the same day of collection. You may sign up for a free e-mail or phone reminder about your trash, recycling, or holiday collection days by calling 880-1000 or visiting our website at [www.nashville.gov/trash](http://www.nashville.gov/trash).

**Do citizens receive trash carts in the General Services District?**

No. Households in the GSD contract privately for their trash collection.

**Will trash collection days change?**

Some trash collection days will change. The routes are changing to the same days as the curbside recycling with the exception that the trash collection will be every week. On the inside of each lid of the trash cart, will be a sticker telling the citizen what day their new collection will be.

**Will trash continue to be collected in alleys?**

Yes, if a resident currently has their trash collected in the service alley, then it will be collected there by the new collector.

**What can citizens do with their old trash cans?**

When the trash carts are delivered there will be a bilingual information brochure that gives citizens three options about what they can do with their old trash can. Options are:

- 1) old trash cans can be placed out for the trash collection
- 2) old trash cans can be brought to the East recycling/convenience center seven days a week
- 3) there will be a list of alternative uses for the old trash cans provided to the citizen

**Can citizens request a smaller cart?**

Yes, there are three different size carts available; 96 gallon, 64 gallon, and 48 gallon containers. If someone wants a smaller cart they can call 880-1000 and, after the set out program has been completed, Metro Public Works will begin delivering smaller carts to citizens who have requested them.

**Can citizens receive an extra cart?**

Yes, Metro Public works will provide an extra cart at no cost. If someone desires a third or fourth cart, the cost will be \$40 each.

**What if citizens place trash outside their cart?**

Metro and its contractors will provide collection of all household trash for the first sixty days. If in that time, some citizens continually place out more trash than the cart can hold, then we will place a second cart at the home.

**What is Metro’s plan to pick up trash when the collection day is on a holiday?**

The trash collection crews work on all holidays that fall on its route days except for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day. On those days, collection occurs the following Saturday.